

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A content providing device comprising:

- a providing unit that provides prescribed content to a client;
- a receiving unit that receives a message including position information which specifies a prescribed position on the content;
- an extracting unit that extracts the position information from the message; and
- a transmitting unit that transmits a message including the extracted position information to another client that is browsing the content,

wherein the message is an instant message.

Claim 2 (Original): The content providing device according to claim 1, further comprising:

- a browsing condition database that holds content identification information which identifies the content and a login ID of a client;

wherein in accordance with the message received by the receiving unit, content identification information of the content and a login ID of a client are registered in the browsing condition database.

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Claim 3 (Original): The content providing device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a browsing condition database that holds content identification information which identifies the content and a login ID of a client;

wherein the transmitting unit sets a destination of the message in accordance with the browsing condition database.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A content browsing device comprising:

a content obtaining unit that obtains desired content from a providing device that provides content;

a display unit that displays the obtained content and a cursor movable according to an instruction of a user;

a position information obtaining unit that obtains position information of the cursor on the content; and

a transmitting unit that adds the position information to a message and transmits the message to the providing device,

wherein the message is an instant message.

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Claim 6 (Original): The content browsing device according to claim 5, wherein when receiving a transmission instruction from a user, the position information obtaining unit obtains position information of the cursor on the content.

Claim 7 (Original): The content browsing device according to claim 5, further comprising:

a user information database that holds information indicating whether another user is under active status.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A content browsing device comprising:

a content obtaining unit that obtains prescribed content from a providing device which provides content;

a receiving unit that receives a message including position information from the providing device; and

a display unit that displays a mark on the content in accordance with the position information,

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wherein the message is an instant message.

Claim 10 (Original): The content browsing device according to claim 9, further comprising: a display position adjusting unit that adjusts a display position of the content with the mark.

Claim 11 (Original): The content browsing device according to claim 9, further comprising:
a mark shape setting unit that sets a shape of the mark according to a transmitter of the position information.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A content providing device comprising:
a providing unit that provides prescribed content to a client;
a receiving unit that receives a message including position information which specifies a prescribed position on the content;
an extracting unit that extracts the position information from the message;

a mark adding unit that adds a mark to a position on the content specified by the extracted position information; and

a transmitting unit that transmits to another client, identification information of the content added with the mark,

wherein the message is an instant message.

Claim 14 (Original): The content providing device according to claim 13, further comprising: a mark shape setting unit that sets a shape of the mark according to a transmitter of the position information.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A content providing device comprising:

means for providing prescribed content to a client;

means for receiving [[a]] an instant message including position information that specifies a prescribed position on the content;

means for extracting the position information from the instant message; and

means for transmitting [[a]] an instant message including the extracted position information to another client that is browsing the content.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A content browsing device comprising:

- means for obtaining desired content from a providing device that provides content;
- means for displaying the obtained content;
- means for displaying on the content, a cursor movable according to an instruction of a user;
- means for obtaining position information of the cursor on the content; and
- means for adding the position information to [[a]] an instant message and transmitting the instant message to the providing device.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A content browsing device comprising:

- means for obtaining prescribed content from a providing device that provides content;
- means for receiving [[a]] an instant message including position information from the providing device; and
- means for displaying a cursor on the content in accordance with the position information.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A content providing device comprising:

- means for providing prescribed content to a client;
- means for receiving [[a]] an instant message including position information that specifies a prescribed position on the content;

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means for extracting the position information from the instant message;

means for adding a mark to a position on the content specified by the extracted position information; and

means for transmitting to another client, identification information of the content added with the mark